

Rev. LEWIS BOND, 1822, of Union, N.J., was a member of the Adelpic Society,
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BOND, LEWIS--b. Elizabethtown, N. J., Oct. 9, 1795; U. C., 1822; (3 grad.); ord.
evang. Pby. Elizabethtown, June 6, '26; s. s. 1st ch. Plainfield, N. J., '25-p.,
'29-57; tea. Plainfield, '57-60; res. Plainfield; d. Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 23,
1885.

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Was born in Elizabethtown, N.J., Oct. 9, 1795. He was a direct descendant of Robert Bond, who came from England and settled at Lynn, Mass., removing to Long Island in 1643, and thence to Elizabethtown in 1664, while yet young, his father Elisha Bond, removed to the homestead farm, midway between Elizabethtown and Newark, which was in the possession of the family for more than 200 years, and there the son remained until he became of age.

In June, 1817, he was received into the First Presbyterian church of Elizabethtown and in the same year commenced his preparatory studies in the local Academy, of which Moses Smith was principal. In 1820 he entered the junior class of Union College, at Schenectady, N.Y., graduating in 1822. The same year he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, and was licensed to preach by the presbytery of Elizabethtown, October 7, 1825.

On June 8, 1826, Mr. Bond was married to Catherine, third daughter of Cornelius Van Derveer, of Rocky Hill, N.J., a direct descendant of Cornelis Jansse Van Derveer, who emigrated from Holland in 1659, and settled in Flatbush, Long Island. Upon her mother's side Mrs. Bond traced her ancestry through the Van Dyke and Bergen families to Hans Hansen Bergen, who came to this country in 1633 and married Sara Rapalie, the first white female child born in the New Netherlands.

Mr. Bond was ordained June 6, 1826, and preached for the newly organized Presbyterian church at Plainfield, N.J., by appointment of presbytery, until April, 1829, when he was installed as pastor and continued as such until 1857. Then, a new church edifice having been completed and paid for, largely through his efforts, and believing that a younger man could better perform the increasing duties of the pastorate, at his earnest request the pastoral relation was dissolved.

During his later years he was frequently called upon to preach, and to perform marriage and funeral services, but the love of outdoor life that he had acquired in boyhood was still strong within him, and much of his time was devoted to the cultivation of the soil. What was his farm is now one of the fine residential districts of the city.

Mr. Bond's father was a soldier of the Revolution, and was an ardent patriot. His house was used as a guard-house, and his recital of the anxieties, alarms and dangers of that trying period served to imbue the son with a like spirit. While yet a youth he was connected with a company of militia, and May 29, 1829 was appointed "Chaplain to the First Regiment in the Brigade of Cavalry of New Jersey," receiving his commission from Gov. Williamson. Until past middle life, Mr. Bond rode with Colonel William Brown and staff upon public occasions. He wore no military insignia, except the sash, yet his fine mount and superb horsemanship rendered him a most conspicuous figure.

Mr. Bond was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, ever ready to do what he could to advance the interests of the town. He was active in the promotion of education, an ardent friend of temperance, and while, taking no leading part in politics, did not fail to use his influence and cast his vote for that which he believed to be right. During the early years of his ministry he conducted a school, teaching there, in addition to his pastoral work, and being ably assisted for a time by the late Dr. Abraham Coles, the eminent classical scholar and poet, who, although himself a student and but 17 years of age, gave instruction to the class in Latin and mathematics.

Mr. Bond died January 23, 1885, having survived his wife for nearly 13 years. They left four children: Theophilus, who married Emma A. Price, of Newark; Isaac Van Derveer, who married Dezier A. Ayers, of Plainfield; Catherine Louisa and Lewis, who married Fanny Russell, of New York, and who has been for nearly 30 years, a missionary of the American Board in European Turkey.

His portrait hangs above the altar in the chapel, and a beautiful memorial tablet has been erected in the church of which he was the first pastor, and which was his first and only charge.

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